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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Plans)
Inspector General

SUBJECT : Patent Rights

1. You will note in the attached papers that we have run head-long into a patent rights problem in one of the first contracts which we have attempted to negotiate for the [REDACTED] Program. We are trying to compromise with the contractor to get this contract on the road. However, I anticipate future problems of a similar nature in connection with this Program.

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2. While I believe that the Deputy Director (Administration) should be responsible for protecting the Government's interest in these matters, I would hope that we could all agree on what Agency policy should be. I concur in the General Counsel's suggestions, which are attached, with the exception of paragraph 3. c. thereof. The Agency Patents Board was set up for an entirely different purpose and were I the Deputy Director (Administration) I would like to reserve the right to make final determination myself. I, therefore, would place the responsibility for final determination on the Deputy Director (Administration) who, of course, could consult others in the Agency, including the Patents Board, if he deemed it appropriate.

3. I would appreciate receiving your comments on this matter as early as possible.

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ADD/A sub: "ADMIN-Patent Rights"

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Att 1 - Memo dtd 30 Jun 52 fr Ch,
Proc & Sup Off, to Acting
DD/A, thru Gen Counsel,
sub: [REDACTED] Patent
Rights."

Att 2 - Memo dtd 2 Jul 52 fr Gen
Coun to Acting DD/A, sub:
"Patent Rights."

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L. K. WHITE
Acting Deputy Director
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